

Nuachtlitis Meán Fómhair 2024



September 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Principals Address:

On behalf of myself and all school staff, I wish to welcome all pupils back to school for the school year 2024/2025. A special welcome to our new Junior Infants and new entrants to other classes. We wish you many happy days with us, in Coosan National School.

Appointments:

Mainstream: Ms. Crowley (Junior Infants B), Ms. Kennedy (1st Class B), and Ms. O'Flynn (6th Class B) and Welcome back to Ms. Casey (Junior Infants A)

Special Education Team: Mr. Kelly (SET 1st classes), Mr. Thomas (SET 2nd classes), Mr. Creavin (SET 4th classes) and Ms. Stone/Ms. Dully (Shared SET).

Congratulations:

We would like to congratulate Ms. Brophy and her husband Anthony on the birth of their daughter Annie in August, 2024.

Dates for your diary:

Friendship/Anti Bullying Week: 14th - 18th October, 2024

HSE Junior Infant Immunisation: Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st October, 2024

Hallowe'en Disco: Thursday 24th of October, 2024

Science Week: Sunday 10th November - Sunday 17th November, 2024

Parent Teacher Meetings: Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November, 2024

Class Christmas Performances: Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th December, 2024

****Confirmation:** Saturday 10th of May, 2025 @11am in Coosan Church

****First Holy Communion:** Saturday 24th of May, 2025 @11am in Coosan Church

Standardised Tests: Revised dates: 12th-23rd of May 2025

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Incidental Inspection:

On the 25th of September our schools assigned inspector visited Coosan National School for an incidental inspection in the area of Special Education Needs. Feedback afterwards was very positive from our inspector. The Board of Management are very pleased with this great achievement and wish to thank and acknowledge all members of the Coosan National School staff for their amazing work and commitment and to the parents of our pupils for their continued support to the school-well done everyone.

Appreciation:

We wish to sincerely thank you for having the children so well prepared for school and for the effort you have put into getting new uniforms ready, labelling items, ensuring children have healthy lunches and getting children to school on time etc.

School Self-Evaluation:

Continuing on from last year our school's focus for SSE beginning this year is Wellbeing. The school surveyed all members of the school community last year and the next area we will be concentrating on is identifying a focus based on the surveys completed. The school intends to organise further wellbeing activities and events this school year similar to last year. More information will be provided by the school in due course. A special thanks to Ms. Beirne and the Wellbeing committee.

Assemblies:

Our school assemblies have recommenced again this school year. We have junior and senior assemblies and these take place alternate Friday in the GP Hall. We have revised the assembly format to include more emphasis on the pupils' participation and inclusion for all. At each assembly we will be practice a new school rule and focus on it as a whole school. We will also practise our LÁMH signs at every assembly which will help us all to communicate better with one another. Pupils will be encouraged to speak at assemblies and we will be hearing from committees such as our student council and the yard committee. Our Assemblies also provide a lovely opportunity for pupils to meet together, to share important information and to celebrate special events.

Christmas Cards:

Templates for your child/children Christmas cards will be issued in the coming days. Please complete and return to the class teacher by Wednesday, 16th of October 2024. A huge thank you to our school secretary Pauline for her support with this initiative.

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Internet Safety Talks:

Guest speaker Paul Hensey facilitated internet safety talks with the pupils from our 3rd to 6th classes on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th of September in Coosan N.S. Paul will also host an information session on online safety for parents to support their child the week following talks with the pupils. Further information regarding this will be provided by the school in due course.

Sporting Achievements:

Athletics: Congratulations to the Coosan NS athletics team who recently took part in the Primary Schools Cross Country competition in Belvedere House, Mullingar. The team competed very strongly winning lots of medals and stickers! Sincere thanks to their teachers and coaches Ms. McElvaney and Ms. O'Carroll.



Gaelic Football: Well done to our boy's and girls Gaelic Football Teams who recently took part in the Athlone Community College blitz. Both teams had a really enjoyable experience. A sincere thanks to Mr. Keogh and Mr. Creavin for their support and coaching.

After School Activities:

After School activities commenced in late September thanks to the generosity of some of our wonderful teachers and coaches.

Tuesdays 3-4pm: Hurling for boys and girls from 4th-6th classes

Wednesdays 3-4:30pm: Gymnastics for pupils in 3rd classes commencing 9/10/24

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm: Irish dancing for pupils from JI-2nd commencing 9/10/24

Thursdays 3-4pm: Gaelic Football for boys and girls from 5th-6th classes

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Outside Coaches:

This term we are re-introducing basketball and GAA coaching. All pupils in the school will receive basketball, Gaelic Football and hurling coaching at different intervals throughout the school year. These coaching programmes are delivered by experienced, highly skilled coaches and sessions are designed to support and complement the P.E. Curriculum lessons being taught by your child's teacher every week.

Swimming:

Swimming returns on Tuesdays after Hallowe'en. A fee of €50 per pupil will apply.

November 5th - December 17th	7 weeks	6th Classes
January 7th - February 25th	8 weeks	3rd Classes
March 4th - April 17th	7 weeks	4th Classes
April 29th - June 24th	8 weeks	5th Classes

Please ensure your child brings all necessary items.

Morning Supervision:

There is supervision of pupils in the morning from 9.10am to 9.20am. It is great to see so many parents/guardians 'drop and go' at this time. We would encourage all parents/guardians to continue to 'drop and go' in the mornings.

On very wet mornings, pupils will be admitted at 9.10am.

Aladdin:

It is most important that addresses/emails and phone numbers of all our students are up to date. If your address/eircode/phone number/email has changed, please update details on Aladdin Connect or inform Pauline, our secretary, as they are required for correspondence purposes. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Aladdin Connect, if you haven't yet please contact the office and we can resend the access codes.

Absences:

Please document all of your child's absences using the Aladdin Connect app or inform the office, to avoid any unexplained absences.

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"Bus Set Down Only" & "Set Down Only" Areas in Coosan National School:

The "bus set down only" and "set down only" areas in Coosan National School are clearly marked for everyone. Bollards are also in situ for health and safety reasons.

There is no parking permitted at any time in these areas.

The "bus set down only" area is for buses only.

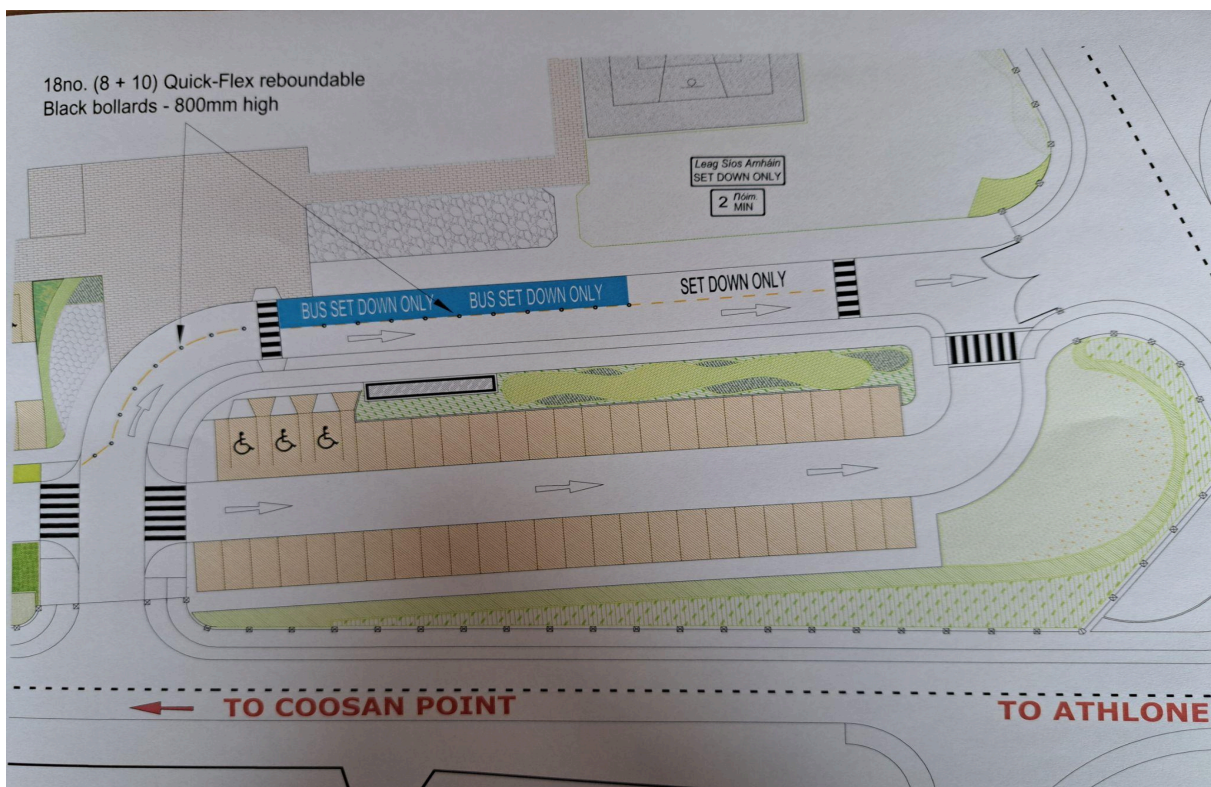
The "set down only" area is for cars and for parents/guardians who wish to drop their child to school.

The new footpath can be used to support access to the rear of the school campus from these set down areas.

The school car park is available for any parents/guardians who wish to park and walk their child to school. Everyone is asked to make use of the pedestrian crossings.

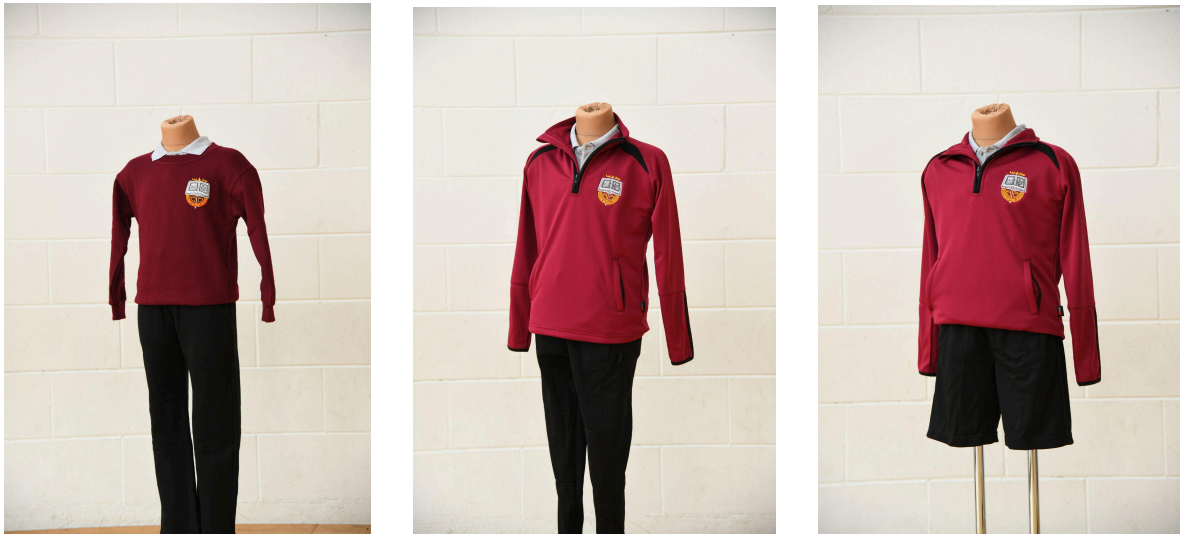
This arrangement came into effect at the end of the last academic year.

The Board of Management would like to thank all parents/guardians for their continued support as this new arrangement will make these areas safer for everyone, especially the pupils attending Coosan National School.



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Coosan National School Uniform Commencing School Year 2024-2025:



The Board of Management would like to thank all parent(s)/guardian(s) for their support with the implementation of our new school uniform. More information including Our school uniform policy is available on the school website.

School Fees:

Art & Craft: We would like to thank all who have paid the fee of €55 per pupil and remind any family who has not done so to please do so at your earliest convenience.

Basketball: We would like to thank all who have paid the fee of €20 per pupil and remind any family who has not done so to please do so at your earliest convenience.

Voluntary Contribution: In Coosan NS, we are very privileged to have such a wonderful new school building and fantastic grounds. The challenge the school faces both now and into the future will be in maintaining these wonderful facilities as well as running the school in the normal manner each school year. For this reason, the school is asking for a voluntary contribution from each child of €50 capped at €100 per family.

It is not compulsory and any contribution will be very much appreciated-thank you!

Payment for all of the above can be made on the Aladdin Connect App or to the office.

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Health & Safety:

In the interests of all pupils health and safety we kindly ask everyone to remember: If pupils are unwell, please do not send them to school, consult your GP, follow public health advice and inform the school so that we can support your child in the case of a long period of absence and when they return to school.

We have children with a variety of allergies attending our school. The school kindly asks that treats are not sent in for the whole class as a birthday celebration and wish to remind everyone that foods with trace elements of nuts are not allowed due to severe nut allergies in our school.

Chewing gum is not permitted in Coosan N.S.. The school would appreciate the support of parents/guardians in ensuring that it does not come into school
-Go raibh maith agaibh.

Healthy Eating:

We ask all parents/guardians to be mindful of our Healthy Eating Policy when preparing lunches for your child/ren each school day. Please note that Friday is the only designated 'treat day' in our school.

Parents Association:

The Parents Association held their AGM on the 17th of September, 2024. We outlined last year's events and elections for the 2024/2025 committee were held. Many thanks to all those who attended.

Coosan National School Parents Association 2024/2025

Chairperson:	Olivia Caffrey
Vice-Chairperson:	Hazel McHugh
Secretary:	Deirdre Flood
Assistant Secretary:	Sarah Clarke
Treasurer:	Cathy Moriarty
Assistant Treasurer:	Lorraine Joyce

Class Liason Co-Ordinator/Social Media Officer: Roisin Rizza

We are busy planning this year's events and we look forward to having as many parents/guardians as possible involved. The Halloween Disco will take place on Thursday, the 24th October, 2024. 5.30pm - 6.45pm for Junior Infants to 2nd class and 7.15pm to 8.30pm for 3rd to 6th class. Tickets will be €5. The next Parents Association meeting will take place on the 5th November at 8.30pm. We are always keen to welcome new parents to get involved.

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Thank you for your continued support, the school sincerely appreciates it- *ní neart go cur le chéile.*

Le gach dea ghuí,

Ms. S. Cunningham

Principal
Coosan National School